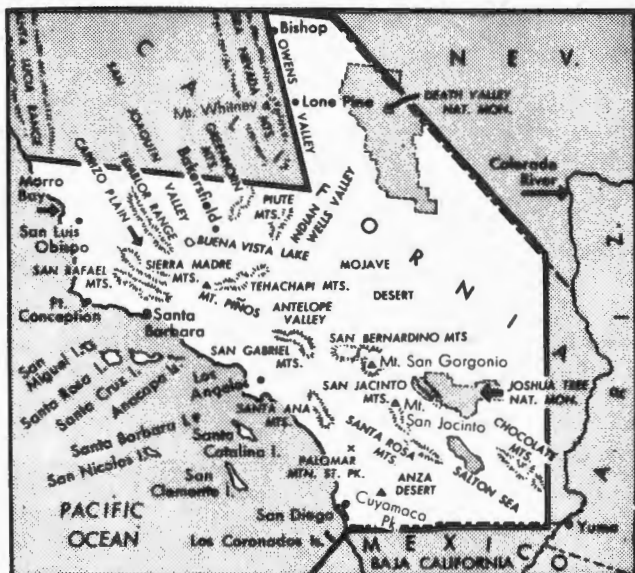


SOUTHERN PACIFIC COAST REGION

/Guy McCaskie

We again experienced another wet winter, with exceptionally heavy rainfall occurring in December and January, along with a record-breaking cold spell in January. Bird distribution was also somewhat unusual, with most of our commonly occurring winter landbird visitors apparently scarcer than normal, while vir-

away from the Colorado R. The two Arctic Loons on L. Palmdale were present to Dec. 4 (JD), and another was near Imperial Dam Feb. 27 (EC). A Red-necked Grebe at McGrath S.P., near Ventura Feb. 27 (REW) was the only one reported. As usual a few Horned Grebes were found inland with two on L. Palmdale Dec. 4 - Jan. 27 (JD), one on L. Hemet in the San Jacinto Mts., Dec. 15 (JD) and another on L. Henshaw Feb. 20-26 (RH); small numbers occur regularly on our larger inland bodies of water.



tually all those more northern species which sporadically invade the Region were conspicuously absent. Mountain species, such as Mountain Chickadees and Red-breasted Nuthatches were almost nonexistent in the lowlands. Berry-eaters, such as American Robins, Hermit Thrushes, Cedar Waxwings and Purple Finches were scarce throughout the Region, and Pine Siskins were unreported from many areas. Only Lewis' Woodpeckers showed any signs of a movement into the Region, and those were somewhat localized.

Among the waterbirds we had an apparent influx of Greater Scaup and White-winged Scoters along the coast, with some of the former occurring inland. In addition, Common Goldeneye, accompanied by a few Barrow's, appeared in above-average numbers. Black-legged Kittiwakes were scarce and N. Fulmars were all but unrecorded.

An exceptional number of birds normally considered summer visitors to southern California were present this winter, with some of the wood warblers (e.g., Yellow and Black-throated Gray) and Northern Orioles being the most evident. In addition, this winter produced records of Least Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Prothonotary and Black-throated Green warblers, all previously unrecorded in California at this time of year, as well as a Snow Bunting far south of its normal range.

LOONS, GREBES — Up to 12 Com. Loons on L. Cachuma near Santa Barbara all winter (PL), up to 10 on L. Palmdale in the Antelope Valley Dec. 4 - Jan. 27 (JD) and one on L. Henshaw in the mountains of San Diego County Feb. 26 (RH) were the only ones found inland

FULMARS, SHEARWATERS, STORM-PETRELS — Northern Fulmars were scarce with 15 off Morro Bay Jan. 7 (JD) being the largest number reported. Two Short-tailed Shearwaters were seen off Morro Bay Jan. 7 (JD); this species is proving to be regular off our coast in winter. Manx Shearwaters appeared more numerous than usual with 50 as far n. as Morro Bay Jan. 7 (JD). An Ashy Storm-Petrel off Morro Bay Jan. 28 (EVI) was unexpected, as few have been reported in winter.

PELICANS, ANHINGA — A Brown Pelican at Imperial Dam all winter (BMW) had been present since Aug. 8, and is the first to have successfully wintered at an inland locality in the Southwest. The *Anhinga* first found at Sweetwater Res., near San Diego Feb. 4, 1977, was still present Jan. 20 (CGE).

HERONS — Cattle Egrets continued to increase in numbers with concentrations up to 30 around San Luis Obispo all winter (FRT), 45 in the Santa Ynez Valley of Santa Barbara Co., Dec. 11 (GSS), 500 around Chino, near San Bernardino all winter (EAC), 200 along the Colorado R., s. of Blythe throughout the period (BMW) and 325 near Imperial Beach, San Diego Co., Jan. 20 (GMCC), along with the "thousands" around the Salton Sea. A Reddish Egret at Imperial Dam Feb. 11 - Mar. 3 (SG) is only the fifth to be found along the Colorado R. Two or three Louisiana Herons around San Diego all winter (GMCC), along with one at San Elijo Lagoon, San Diego Co., Feb. 23+ (AF), were the only ones along the coast; however, another was inland at the south end of the Salton Sea (hereafter, S.E.S.S.) Feb. 19-27 (BT,EC). A Least Bittern at San Elijo Lagoon Jan. 17 (AF) was the only one reported away from the Salton Sea.

SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS — A few Whistling Swans were scattered along the coast, with one on Newport Bay Dec. 10 (BT) and two near Pala, San Diego Co., Feb. 11-24 (AF), being the southernmost; in addition, groups of up to 44 were seen in Inyo County, one was at Baker, San Bernardino Co., Jan. 11 (SC) and a flock of 11 was seen in flight near

Palo Verde on the Colorado R., Dec. 9 (BMW). A migrant flock of 600 White-fronted Geese at L. San Jacinto, Riverside Co., Feb. 10 (ASE) was an impressive number for anywhere in s. California.

A ♂ (Eur.) Green-winged Teal, a casual straggler, was well seen on L. Cuyamaca in the mountains of San Diego County Mar. 11 (EC). As usual small numbers of Blue-winged Teal were found along the coast with the largest number, 15, around Goleta; a male at S.E.S.S., Dec. 13 (JD) was the only one found inland. European Wigeon may have been more numerous than usual with eight along the coast as well as 1-2 on L. Henshaw Dec. 29 - Feb. 25 (RH) and another at S.E.S.S., Feb. 18 (REW). A Wood Duck near Pala Feb. 11 (AF) was quite far s. and another at Baker Dec. 10-12 (SC) was at an unusual locality. Greater Scaup appeared more numerous than usual along the coast with eight as far s. as San Diego Jan. 25 (CGE); inland six were on Quail L., Los Angeles Co., Jan. 27-28 (JD) and a concentration of 60 was at S.E.S.S., Feb. 27 (JD). A ♂ Tufted Duck on Quail L., Dec. 4 - Feb. 26 (JD) was the fourth recorded in this Region. Besides the 10-12 Barrow's Goldeneyes at Parker Dam throughout the winter (BMW), three were near Imperial Dam Feb. 17 (REW), one was at Baker Dec. 22 (SC, *S.B.C.M.), one was at the north end of the Salton Sea (hereafter, N.E.S.S.) Dec. 10 (EAC), another was at Salton City Jan. 21 (GMCC), and a single bird was seen near Imperial Beach Jan. 7 (GMCC) and Mar. 9 (EC), giving us an unprecedented number of records. The only Oldsquaws were up to five on San Diego Bay during January (CGE) and one at Venice, Los Angeles Co., Jan. 29+ (H&PB). A ♂ Harlequin Duck at Carlsbad, San Diego Co., Jan. 21 - Feb. 15 (CGE) was at the s. extreme of the species' winter range. White-winged Scoters were more numerous along the coast than in recent winters, but not as numerous as 15 years ago. A Surf Scoter at Salton City Dec. 14 (JD) was the only one found inland. A few Black Scoters were found along the coast, with flocks of up to 14 seen along the coast of San Luis Obispo County, and up to three together being seen on San Diego Bay Nov. 4+ (EC). Three Hooded Mergansers near Imperial Dam Feb. 17 (REW) were quite far s. A group of 40 Red-breasted Mergansers at Salton City Dec. 14 (JD) was a large number for that area in winter.

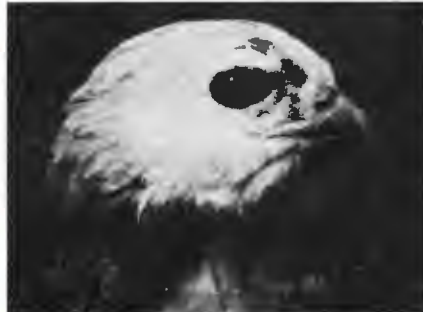
HAWKS — Two White-tailed Kites at Harper Dry Lake, San Bernardino Co., Feb. 10 (EAC) were e. of the species' range in California. An imm. Broad-winged Hawk in Santa Barbara Dec. 30 - Feb. 4 (MP) was the only one found this winter. An ad. Zone-tailed Hawk, a rare straggler to California, was well seen near Oceanside Jan. 13 (MT). Rough-legged Hawks were decidedly scarce with <15 individuals reported. Only five Peregrine Falcons were reported away from Morro Bay, indicating the species' continued decline.

CRANES — Over 4000 Sandhill Cranes on the Carrizo Plain in January (EMCM) and 75± near Brawley all winter (GMCC) are the only flocks now wintering in s. California.

SHOREBIRDS — An American Oystercatcher was at Pt. Fermin, Los Angeles Co., Dec. 23 - Jan. 14 (DH); this is only the third to

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be found on the mainland of s. California in this century. Up to six Black Oystercatchers were at Pt. Fermin all winter (BB) and one or two were on Pt. Loma in San Diego during the same period (CGE); this species is rare on the mainland s. of San Luis Obispo County. The only Am. Golden Plovers reported were a flock of up to 21 near Santa Maria all winter (PL), one in Goleta throughout the period (LRB) and another at Playa del Rey all winter (H&PB); small numbers are present each win-

ter, but groups of more than five are exceptional. A group of 12± Stilt Sandpipers at S.E.S.S., Feb. 27 - Mar. 3 (JD) had undoubtedly wintered locally. A Ruff, a rare straggler to s. California, was at the Santa Maria R. mouth Dec. 24 (PL). A few Red Phalaropes were off the coast this winter as indicated by five off San Diego Jan. 19 (EC), one at the Santa Maria R. mouth Jan. 20 (REW), 100± off Avila Beach and Morro Bay Jan. 21 (EVJ,REW) and one at Pt. Dume Feb. 8 (JD). Approximately 20 N. Phalaropes were at Imperial Beach all winter (GMCC); small numbers are found on the salt evaporation ponds here each winter.

Tern at McGrath S.P., Jan. 13 (REW) was unusual, the last of the fall stragglers are normally gone by late December. Up to 24 Black Skimmers were on San Diego Bay throughout the period (CGE) and it appears the species is now established here as a permanent resident.

MURRELETS — Two Marbled Murrelets off Avila Beach, San Luis Obispo Co., Jan. 21 (NS) establishes one of the few acceptable records of this species in the Region, but it may prove to be regular in this area since nesting is suspected at Big Sur S.P., a short distance n. The only Xantus' Murrelets reported were three off Morro Bay Jan. 7 (JD); the winter status/distribution is poorly known. The only Ancient Murrelets reported were off the coast of San Luis Obispo County with 15 off Morro Bay Jan. 7 (JD) and one off Avila Beach Jan. 21 (EVJ).

DOVES THROUGH WOODPECKERS — A flock of 1500± Band-tailed Pigeons in Riverside Jan. 2 (ASE) was a remarkable concentration for a lowland locality. As now appears normal, small numbers of White-winged Doves remain throughout the winter at isolated springs in the Anza Borrego Desert of e. San Diego County; one in Santa Barbara Mar. 2 (PL) was the only one reported on the coast. A ground dove at Bouquet Canyon Res., Dec. 16-26 (LLJ) appears to be only the third found in Los Angeles County. A Lesser Night-hawk was near Imperial Beach Jan. 6 (EC) and another was at nearby Sweetwater Res., Jan. 20 (CGE); winter records from along the coast are few indeed. The presence of 12 Vaux's Swifts near Oceanside Jan. 18 (EC) and 15 there Jan. 24 (AF) indicates this species once again wintered in that area. A Costa's Hummingbird in Santa Barbara Jan. 25-26 (JD) was somewhat n. for this time of the year. The ♂ Broad-billed Hummingbird at a feeder in w. Los Angeles remained to Dec. 30 (JD), another was in Riverside Jan. 12+ (JDeB) and a third appeared in Spring Valley near San Diego Mar. 8-10 (MT); this species has become a regular wanderer to California in recent years.

The presence of three Acorn Woodpeckers at the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery near Big Pine in the Owens Valley Feb. 7 (KG) is most interesting. This locality is outside the species' known range, but supports oak trees, and may also support a small population of Acorn Woodpeckers, considering the frequency of reports from the area. A few resident Acorn Woodpeckers near Honey L. (Condor 62:297,

GULLS, TERNS, SKIMMERS — Five Glaucous Gulls were reported with two on San Miguel I., Mar. 15 (JRJ), one at the Santa Maria R. mouth Dec. 24 (PL), another at McGrath S.P., Feb. 5 (REW) and the fifth on Newport Bay Feb. 16 (JAJ); small numbers reach s. California every year. A Glaucous-winged Gull, rare any distance inland, was at Salton City Dec. 14 (JD), another was at S.E.S.S., Feb. 18 - Mar. 3 (REW) and two were in Colton near San Bernardino Feb. 3 (SC). Single yellow-legged W. Gulls were at Salton City Feb. 1 (GMCC) & 11 (JD); this distinct form is now being found on the Salton Sea every winter. Unexpected were a yellow-legged W. Gull near Imperial Beach Dec. 7 (EC) and another, possibly the same bird Jan. 19 (EC); there is but one documented occurrence of this form for the coast of California. Three or four Thayer's Gulls in the San Bernardino/Riverside area all winter (SC) were an appreciable distance inland. Four Mew Gulls were found in the vicinity of the Salton Sea with two near Brawley Dec. 11 (BMW), one at Salton City Dec. 14 (JD) and another at Finney L., Jan. 27 (SC); two near Chino Feb. 3 (REW) were also far inland. An imm. Laughing Gull at N.E.S.S., Jan. 2 (ASE) was exceptionally late; there are only two other January records for the Salton Sea. A Franklin's Gull on Newport Bay Dec. 8 (JMCD) was probably a late fall migrant, but another at Pitas Pt., Ventura Co., Feb. 11 (REW) must have been wintering locally. A Sabine's Gull at McGrath S.P., Dec. 2 (LS) establishes one of the latest dates of occurrence in s. California.

Two **Gull-billed Terns** at N.E.S.S., Jan. 20 (LS) were either exceptionally late stragglers or were attempting to winter locally; there is no previous record of the species in California during January and February. An Elegant



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1960) are the only ones known in California e. of the Sierra Nevada; hence, additional checking near Big Pine is encouraged. Lewis' Woodpeckers were evidently concentrated on the desert slopes of the San Bernardino Mts., and throughout the Laguna Mts., in San Diego County with 30 counted around Pioneer town Dec. 23 (ASE) and 18 near Mesa Grande Dec. 2 (CGE). The ♂ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*S. v. varius*) remained at Refugio S.P., to Dec. 9 (JG). A Red-naped Sapsucker (*S. v. nuchalis*), rare on the coast n. of Los Angeles, was in Malibu Dec. 3 (KG) and another was in Goleta Mar. 2-7 (PL).

FLYCATCHERS. SWALLOWS — A Tropical Kingbird in Huntington Beach Jan. 1-6 (D&BH) was the only one reported this winter. More than the average number of E. Phoebe were reported with one at Pt. Mugu Feb. 24 - Mar. 11 (REW), one in Pasadena Dec. 26 - Mar. 1 (BC), another in Riverside Mar. 3 (LDF), one at L. Henshaw Feb. 6-20 (RH) and a fifth at L. Hodges Nov. 27 - Mar. 10 (PU). Unprecedented was a **Least Flycatcher** at Fillmore, Venture Co., Nov. 5 - Mar. 3 (REW) and another at Brock Ranch, Imperial Co., Nov. 26 - Feb. 17 (JD); this species is a rare fall vagrant, previously unrecorded in California during the winter. A Gray Flycatcher was at Twentynine Palms Oct. 12 - Dec. 28 (SC); small numbers formerly wintered in s. California, but the species is rarely reported at this time of year today. A W. Flycatcher, rare in winter, was in Carpinteria Jan. 28-29 (MP), another was in San Pedro Dec. 30 - Mar. 1 (LH) and a third remained in Pasadena Jan. 7 - Mar. 1 (BC). A Coues' Flycatcher near Parker Dam on the Colorado R., Nov. 25 - Feb. 1 (BMW) was undoubtedly the same bird found wintering at this spot last year. Vermilion Flycatchers appear to be on the decline as wintering birds along the coast, but three were as far n. as Fillmore throughout the period (REW). Although small numbers of Rough-winged Swallows regularly winter along the Colorado R., and in the vicinity of the Salton Sea they are rarely found elsewhere at this time of the year, hence, one at Huntington Beach Jan. 1 (D&BH) is of interest.

JAYS THROUGH THRASHERS — A Scrub Jay near Earp on the Colorado R., Jan. 20 (JD) and another at Laguna Dam Jan. 19 - Mar. 3 (JD) were outside the species' normal range in California. A Plain Titmouse at Yaqui Wells in the Anza Borrego Desert was a little e. of its normal range in California. Five Dippers in the Santa Barbara area during the winter (MP) and another in the lower portions of the Santa Monica Mts., Dec. 3 - Jan. 8 (DPO) deserve note, and indicate this species will move into areas supporting streams running only during wet years. As usual a few Winter Wrens were present in the coastal lowlands and foothills with one near Ramona, San Diego Co., Dec. 12 (HAW) being the southernmost. A Brown Thrasher at Brock Ranch Dec. 12 - Feb. 17 (JD,REW) was the only one reported this winter. A Bendire's Thrasher remained near Imperial Beach Dec. 17 - Mar. 10 (EC); there are very few winter records for California. A Curve-billed Thrasher, rare in s.e. California, was seen at Laguna Dam Dec. 12 and Jan. 19 (JD).

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KINGLETS THROUGH VIREOS — Only small numbers of Golden-crowned Kinglets were present along the coast with one or two near Imperial Beach during December and January (EC) being the southernmost. A Bohemian Waxwing in Tecopa, Inyo Co., Dec. 10 (JT) was the only one reported. Similarly, a N. Shrike at Harper's Dry Lake, San Bernardino Co., Dec. 26 (EAC) was the only one seen. A Bell's Vireo, extremely rare in winter, was near Imperial Beach Jan. 6 (GMC). Four Solitary Vireos were found with one in Riverside Dec. 17 - Jan. 30 (AS), one near Imperial Beach Dec. 3 - Mar. 1 (EC), another at L. Henshaw Feb. 20 (RH) and the fourth at Laguna Dam throughout the period (BMW); all were of the gray race, *plumbeus*, except for the one at L. Henshaw which was *cassinii*. Remarkable was a *Philadelphia Vireo* in San Pedro Dec. 30 - Jan. 12 (LH); this species is a casual fall straggler to California, with no previous record later than Nov. 9, and was not anticipated to occur in winter. A Warbling Vireo, casual in winter, was in Griffith P., Los Angeles Feb. 17 (JR).

WOOD WARBLERS — Nine Black-and-white Warblers were found with five in the Santa Barbara area during the period (PL), one at Pt. Mugu S.P., throughout the winter (REW), another in Riverside Dec. 17 - Jan. 29 (D&BH), one in Oceanside Jan. 1 - Mar. 3 (PL) and the ninth near Imperial Beach Nov. 4 - Feb. 12 (PU). Unprecedented was a *Prothonotary Warbler* in Santa Barbara Dec. 30 - Mar. 10 (KG, PL, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) since winter records from anywhere in the United States are limited, and California is far outside the

species' range at any time of the year. Nine Tennessee Warblers were found in the Santa Barbara area between Dec. 6 and the end of the period, but three of these were seen only in December and may well have been late fall migrants, leaving six wintering; one in Riverside Dec. 30 - Feb. 24 (SC) was the only other one found in the Region. Seven Nashville Warblers found along the coast would appear to be close to an average number for a winter period. A N. Parula near Niland Dec. 13-28 (JD) and another near Imperial Beach Dec. 16-24 (GMC) may both have been exceptionally late fall migrants or individuals attempting to winter locally. Fifteen Yellow Warblers were found along the coast, along with three around S.E.S.S., and one more near Earp on the Colorado R., Nov. 25 - Jan. 20 (JD), giving us an exceptional number of sightings for the winter period. A Magnolia Warbler, only the third to have wintered in California, was in Riverside Nov. 17 - Feb. 26 (SC). Nearly 20 Black-throated Gray Warblers were reported, but 12 of these were in the Santa Barbara area with the rest being found elsewhere along the coast except for one at Brock Ranch Feb. 17 (REW). **Black-throated Green Warblers** frequently occur late in the fall, but one near Imperial Beach Dec. 16 - Jan. 6 (GMC) may have been wintering locally, and another in Goleta Dec. 22 - Feb. 24 (PL, ph. S.D.N.H.M.) was definitely wintering locally; there are no previous winter records for California. Four Hermit Warblers spent the winter in Santa Barbara (PL); small numbers occur along the coast of c. California every winter, with most being found in areas supporting Townsend's Warblers, and Santa Barbara may prove to be

within this species' normal area of winter occurrence. As usual a few Palm Warblers wintered along the coast with one at the Santa Maria R. mouth Jan. 6 (JD), eight individuals found around Santa Barbara during the period (PL), one at Newport Feb. 24 (TC) and another near Imperial Beach Dec. 16+ (EC). A N. Waterthrush was in Griffith P., Los Angeles Nov. 25 (JR) and one or two were near Imperial Beach during December and January (EC); small numbers evidently winter along the coast each year. A MacGillivray's Warbler, very rare in winter, was in Griffith P., Jan. 26 (JR). Only eight Wilson's Warblers were reported, all coastal, illustrating just how scarce this species is in winter. An Am. Redstart in Goleta Oct. 2+ (PL), another in Fillmore Nov. 5 - Jan. 13 (REW) and a third near Oxnard Feb. 4 (REW) were on the coast where it is rare in winter; three around S.E.S.S., were in an area of regular winter occurrence.

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, TANAGERS — Two Orchard Orioles remained in Santa Barbara Jan. 20+ (PL), another was in nearby Goleta Mar. 12 (BS) and a fourth was in Riverside Jan. 2-26 (AS); one or two of these birds are found every winter. A ♂ Scott's Oriole, very rare in winter, was in Santa Barbara Feb. 10 (PL) and another was near Palm Springs Feb. 26 (SG). As usual a few "Baltimore" Orioles were reported with four in the Goleta/Santa Barbara area (PL), one in Ventura Jan. 24 (GG), another in Oceanside Feb. 3 (CGE) and a seventh in San Diego Dec. 16 (EC). "Bullock's" Orioles were present along the coast in small numbers, as is normal, with the largest numbers (24 different individuals) found around Goleta/Santa Barbara, two at Brock Ranch Feb. 11 (EC) were the only ones reported from an inland locality. A Rusty Blackbird in Santa Barbara Jan. 22-29 (LRB) was the only one found this winter. A Great-tailed Grackle in San Pedro Feb. 25 (JJ) could well be the same bird present on Pt. Fermin last September. A few W. Tanagers were found along the coast, as is normal, with eight in the Goleta/Santa Barbara area (PL), two in Pasadena Jan. 12 (KG) and six around San Diego (CGE). Two Hepatic Tanagers remained together in Oceanside Nov. 27 - Mar. 1 (PU); one has spent the past two winters at this same locality. Three Summer Tanagers were reported with one in Santa Barbara Mar. 2 (SJR), another in Riverside Dec. 17 - Jan. 26 (D&BH) and the third near Oceanside Jan. 2 - Mar. 10 (AF); one or two are found every winter.

FINCHES, SPARROWS, LONGSPURS — A Rose-breasted Grosbeak in Goleta Dec. 2 (PL) was undoubtedly a late fall migrant, but one or two in Santa Barbara Nov. 29 - Jan. 14 (PL) and another there Feb. 10 (PL) probably wintered locally. A Black-headed Grosbeak, always scarcer than Rose-breasteds in winter, was in San Diego Feb. 4 (EC). A group of up to five Evening Grosbeaks on Mt. Palomar Dec. 2-4 (RH) was the only one reported this winter. A Lark Bunting, exceptionally scarce this winter, was in Ojai, Ventura Co., Jan. 13 - Feb. 17 (DS) and another was in Griffith P., Los Angeles Dec. 26 (JR). As usual a few Gray-headed Juncos wintered in the s. portion of the Region with one or two near Malibu Dec. 16 - Mar. 2 (H&PB) being the northwest-most. A Clay-colored Sparrow, casual in winter, was in Pasadena Oct. 8 - Dec. 30 (BC)

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and another was in Newport Mar. 5 (D&BH). A Black-chinned Sparrow at Camarillo, Ventura Co., Feb. 25 (REW) was one of the very few found in California in winter. The only Harris' Sparrows reported this winter were one in Kelso Dec. 12 (SC) and another in Goleta Dec. 25 - Feb. 2 (PL). White-throated Sparrows were also scarce with but six reported. Six Swamp Sparrows were found along the coast, with up to three in Fillmore all winter (REW), one at L. Sherwood Jan. 13 (REW) one in Malibu Dec. 3 - Jan. 14 (JD) and the other at L. Hodges Mar. 3-10 (GMcC); in addition one was in the mountains at L. Henshaw Feb. 20 (RH). Two or three McCown's Longspurs were around S.E.S.S., Dec. 28 - Feb. 18 (JD,REW) where small numbers occasionally winter, but five at Harper's Dry Lake near Barstow Dec. 26 (EAC) were the first to be recorded from that area. The only Lapland Longspurs reported were two on the Carrizo Plain all winter (EMcM) and one was at S.E.S.S., Feb. 18 (REW). Remarkable was a **Snow Bunting** in Kelso Valley near Mojave Dec. 23-27 (KA) since there are only two previous records of this species in s. California; this establishes the southernmost occurrence in California.

ADDENDUM and CORRIGENDUM — A Prairie Warbler, exceptionally rare inland, was in Rialto, San Bernardino Co., Oct. 5, 1978 (SC). The Lawrence's Goldfinches (*AB* 32:1210, 1978) nested near Blythe, not Bard. To avoid unnecessary duplication, all birds seen and reported only on Christmas Bird Counts have been omitted. This should not detract from the validity of those records, but is meant to conserve space for records other than those on Christmas Bird Counts.

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